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In re Application of

Masaki WATANABE, et al.

Serial No.: 09/846,272 ✓

Group Art Unit: 2827

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Examiner: L.C. Cruz

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING CAPACITORS FOR REDUCING POWER  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In an Office Action issued on May 31, 2002, election of one among the following purported patentably distinct species of claimed invention is required: Species 1 (Fig. 10), Species 2 (Figs. 15, 5 and 9) and Species 3 (Fig. 3). Applicants elect Species 3, consisting currently of claims 2 and 3, for examination. This election is made with traverse.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the proposed grouping of claims. Applicants consider the following grouping to be more appropriate than the grouping proposed by the Examiner:

Group I, corresponding to Figs. 1, 8 and 10, consisting of independent claim 1 and dependent claims 5 and 8;

Group II, corresponding to Figs. 2-4 and 9, consisting of independent claim 2 and dependent claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9; and

Group III, corresponding to Figs. 13-19, consisting of independent claim 10 and dependent claims 11-15.


If the Examiner accepts Applicants' claim grouping, Applicants will elect Group II, and examination of independent claim 2 and dependent claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9.

Substantive examination of claims grouped in the manner proposed by Applicants, as believed is appropriate, will very much be appreciated.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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